



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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Senator Robert J. Dole
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RE: MUR 4969

Dear Mr. Gross:

In the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities, the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") considered the issue of whether Senator Robert J. Dole ("Senator Dole") violated certain provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

On February 2, 2000, the Commission considered the matters in MUR 4969 but was equally divided on whether there was reason to believe that Senator Dole violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f), 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a), 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(b)(1)(A), 441a(f), and 26 U.S.C. § 9035(a). In addition, the Commission was equally divided on whether there was reason to believe that, with respect to the television advertisements More Talk, Even More Talk, Surprise, The Pledge, More, Who, Case Study, and The Story, Senator Dole violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f), 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a), 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(b)(1)(A), 441a(f), and 26 U.S.C. § 9035(a). Finally, the Commission was equally divided on whether there was reason to believe that, with respect to the never-aired television advertisement entitled Stripes, Senator Dole violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f), 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a), 2 U.S.C. § 441a(b)(1)(A), 441a(f), and 26 U.S.C. § 9035(a).

On March 9, 2000 the Commission again considered these matters, and decided to close the file in MUR 4969. Copies of the General Counsel's Reports are enclosed for your information.

The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record before receiving your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record upon receipt.

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If you have any questions, please contact Peter Blumberg, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

First General Counsel's Report, dated January 12, 2000
General Counsel's Report, dated March 3, 2000